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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Part B for March 1944.

SUBJECT

Field Firing practice near Jangamkote in Sidlaghatta Taluk.

J. N. Krishnan.
10.3.44.

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Field Firing Practice Near Jargankoppa in Siddapur Taluk.

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From The D.C.K.D.r

Mem forwg a copy of the letter addressed to the R.T.C.R. on the above subject.

Submitted for perusal. The C.R.'s reply will be awaited.

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R.S. 1/3

Sd. H.S. 1/3

From The R.T.C.R.

C.L.O. 364/42-44 dated 10th March 44 stating that the military authorities have asked for permission to use the area near Jargankoppa as a field firing range to carry out exercises between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. daily and recommending that permission may be accorded for a period of 3 months subject to the conditions mentioned.

The area consists of dry and waste lands and one village Birasandra which will have to be cleared during the hours of practice. Submitted for perusal and orders whether permission may be accorded for a period of three months to use the Range subject to the conditions specified.

R.S. 2/3

For the circumstances explained, permission may be granted subject to the conditions specified.

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Issued a copy of the R.T.C.R. to the D.C.K.D.r

4-9. Issued No. W2124 to R.T.C.R. and Memo. No. W2125 dated 6-3-44 to D.C. Kolar.

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No.C.L.O.178/43-44 Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District, Dated, 22-2-44.

To
The Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Representative in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Subject:- Range. Field Firing practices proposed near Jangamakote in Sidlaghatta Taluk.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No,C.L.O.304/43-44 dated 18th February 44 on the above subject addressed to Civil Officer, Kolar District, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the report made by him in this behalf and to stated as follows:-

The proposed area as finally decided is intended by the Military to be used for the carrying of Field Firing Practices(rifle) near Jangamakote The selection includes a big levelled mound to be used as Butt and the direction of the firing is to the South as shown in the enclosed sketch The area consists of Government waste lands and one village Birasandra Jangamakote Hobli, which will have to be cleared during the hours of practice.

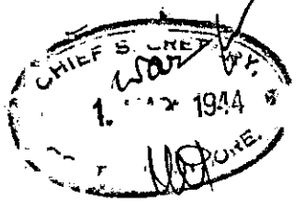
I recommend that the area now finally selected as by nature is suitable for the intended purpose be permitted to be used by the Military for their carrying out of field firing practices for a period of 3 mont up to end of May 1944 subject to the conditions mentioned in the report of the Civil Officer and to request you to be so good as to obtain earl sanction of Government in this behalf as the Military Authorities requi this area for their immediate use.

Further I am to request that the Civil Liaison officer, MilitaryCam Vadigenahalli may be required to look to the necessary arrangements to made in connection with the Range clearance and settlement of the claim of the inhabitants of the village to be cleared by payment of Range clearance charges and compensation towards the incidental damages if a as contemplated in the Policy of the Southern Army recently notified. The Civil Officer, Kolar will guide him once or twice and put him in t way of assessing compensation and damages. The favour of early orders the matter is requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd) T. Ramiah Deputy Commissioner

Copy of the above forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore for favour of information.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Civil Liaison Officer, Military Camp, Vadigenahalli for information.



For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.
28/2/44 (Absent from Head Quarters)

No.C.L.O. 178 dated 26th February 44 from the Civil Officer, Kolar District to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, Kolar.

Subject:- Range.. Field Firing practices.

With reference to letter No.C.L.0364/43-44 dated 18th February 44 on the above subject received from the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Representative, Bangalore regarding the selection of Range area near Jangamakote in Sidlaghatta Taluk, I beg to state as follows:-

" The proposed range area as per trace forwarded, was inspected by me on 26-2-44 along with the Amildar Sidlaghatta Taluk, Inspector of Police, Civil Liaison Officer, Vadigenahalli Camp area and ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Captain Arnold etc was deputed by the Military and this range is intended to be used for field firing practices(Rifle). This area consists of a high levelled mound and Government waste lands with the inclusion of two villages, Birasandra and Hosahalli, the former pertaining to Sidlaghatta Taluk and the latter to Hosakote Taluk. The natural highlevelled surface is proposed to be used as the butt and the direction of the firing is to the south as shown in the enclosed trace.

During the range inspections, the Military Representatives proposed certain changes in the area now proposed as shown in the sketch enclosed with a view to avoid Hosahalli village coming within the range area and it was assured that their requirements were that the inhabitants are to confine themselves to their village limits. I had also a talk in this connection with Major Thimmaiah attached to H.Q.25 Indian Division who also agreed with the changes suggested and he has promised to send a line in reply confirming the same.

As finally decided by the Military the Range consists as before, the high levelled mound, the waste lands and one village Birasandra with a population of 328, which is to be got cleared during the hours of practices as explained to the concerned military authorities. There are two cart tracks across the range leading from Sidla hatta- Sulebele Road As per present changes the entire range area almost comes within Sidlaghatta Taluk with little portions of wastelands pertaining to Hosa-Kote Taluk.

As for the arrangements to be made for the clearance of the area the Civil Liason officer, Vadigenahalli with the assistance of the local police and Revenue Authorities can do the needful required, which only consists of the clearance of Birasandra Village and warnings to the inhabitants of the surrounding 8 villages that they should not move about the Range area or allow their cattle to enter the said area during the hours of practice. It was further assured by the Military that they would post their men at the points required to guard against men and cattle entering the area during the firing operations and stated that they required or for their immediate use in the 1st week of March 1944. They have however been informed that such a requirements is to be covered by sanction of Government and that they are to await orders of Government in this behalf.

In view of the above, I am of opinion that the area as now decided be permitted to be used by the Military for their field firing practices upto end of May 1944 subject to the following conditions:-

1) That the Military authorities are to pay any clearance charges at the usual rates.
2) That they have to pay compensation towards the incidental damages to any caused during the firing operations.
3) That the requirements of area are to be limited to 15 days in a month at regular intervals.
4) That they are to make necessary arrangements to guard the western side of the area by posting sufficient number of their men at the required points along Sidlaghatta if liable to do.
5) That they are to depute a representative of theirs to meet the police Jemadar or the police Daffedar to have the clear area reports before the commencement of their practices.
6) That they are to contact with the Civil Liaison Officer of their camps about the requirements of the area and send their programme week in advance both to the Civil Liaison Officer and the Local Authorities at Jangamakote.

P.T.O.

In this connection I am to add that the use of the area for the intended purpose is to be covered by sanction of Government under Rule 50 " B " of the Defence of India Rules.

Connected papers accompany for kindr eference.

" C o p y "

Nanavatkhalle
For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.
28/2/44.

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No:C.L.O.364/43-44.

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OFFICE OF RHE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, Dated 1st March 1944.

To.

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

Subject: Field Firing Range - Jangamakota.

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the marginally noted letters received from the H.Q. 25 Ind. Din. on the above subject.

H.Q. 25 Ind. Din. letters:-

1). 1211/G. Dated 10th February 1944.
2). -do- " 15th " 1944.
3). -do- " 23rd " 1944.

The military authorities have asked for permission to use the area near Jangamakota ~~party~~ lying in Sidlaghatta Taluk and partly in Hoskote Taluk (vide sketch and statement - enclosed), - as a field firing range, to carryout exercises between 0900 and 1500 hours daily.

The Civil Officer, Kolar District has inspected the spot in company with the military officer concerned; and the Deputy Commissioner reports for the reasons stated, that there is no objection to authorise the military to carryout exercises in the proposed range for a period of three months in the first - instance, (vide his letter No.C.L.O.178/43-44 dated 28th - February 1944 - copy enclosed).

I agree with him and accordingly recommend that necessary sanction of Government may kindly be obtained to the proposals of the Deputy Commissioner as early as possible, subject to the usual conditions specified below:-

1). that training will be avoided in the vicinity of inhabited villages;

2). that crop compensation should be paid to the owners of land for damage if any, caused during the exercises.

3). that the military should arrange to post - required number of watchmen and prevent civilians entering the range area during the practices; and

4). that proper arrangements should be made to trace all unexploded "Shells" if any, in the range area, immediately after every practice and prevent civilians from

from tampering with them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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REVENUE COMMISSIONER
& CIVIL ~~REPRESENTATIVE~~.

No.C.L.O.178/43-44 Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District, Dated, 28-2-44.

To
The Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Representative in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Subject:- Range. Field Firing practices proposed near Jangamakote in Sidlaghatta Taluk.

Sir,

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P.T.O.

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Connected papers accompany for kind reference.

" C o p y "

For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

28/2/44

Copy of letter No. 1211 G. from 25 Ind. Div. dated 10th Feb. 44 to the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Representative in Mysore.

Subject:- Field Firing.

I am sending the Civil Representative attd to this div to discuss with you the question of field firing.

We wish to use the following area:-

ref map ½" sheet 57 G/SE.
Firing area S 460518 - S 466518
S 460510 - S 466500

Direction of fire SOUTH.

Area required to be cleared is bounded by the following pts.

S. 4548 - S 4651
S 4748 - S 4751

Village affected:- HOSAHALLI, BAIRASANDRA.-

2. The time of firing will be 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs daily. I do not consider it will be necessary for the village of Hosahalli and Bairasandra to be compeltedy evacuated: it will be sufficient if the inhabitants remain in their houses.

3. It is most important that we should be able to start firing as soon as possible. I should therefore be very grateful if you could accord sanction and conclude any formalities within the next few days.

Copy of letter No. 1211 G. from 25 Ind. Div. dated 15 Feb. 1944 to the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Representative in Mysore.

Subject:- Fd. Firing Ranges.

Ref your letter No. C.L.O. 364/43-44 dated 11 Feb. 44.

Plan of the area, as requested, is attached.

I should be very grateful if sanction of Govt could be obtained with the minium delay as it is of the greatest importance that we should be able to commence firing as soon as possible.

Copy of letter No. 1211 G. from 25 Ind. Div. dated 15 Feb. 1944 to the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Representative in Mysore.

Subject: Field Firing Ranges.

Ref your letter No. C.L.O. 364/43-44 dated 18 Feb. 44 dated 18 Feb 44, in answer to this H.Q. letter No. 1211 G dated 15 Feb. 44.

2. I should be glad if you would be good enough to assist us in this matter, to enable to carry out practices as early as possible.

"Copies"

For Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Representative.

SKETCH Showing the Range Area Selected for the purpose of Field Firing Practices by the Head Quarter 25 Indian Division near gangamakote in Sidlaghatta Taluk. KOLAR DISTRICT

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Scale 1" = 8 1/2 miles

To Sidlaghatta

SUNDRAHALLI

CHINTAMANI S.P.

Direction of fire

Kallepura

Area of the Channel

TENNUR

HOSA HALLI

BIKKASANDRA

SOUTH HUTLAVAHALLI

KOTHAPALLI

Officer
Kolar DISTRICT.

Deputy Commissioner
Kolar DISTRICT

DISTRICT

Area originally proposed

Area finally used

Taluk Boundary

Road

Cart Track

Between Firing points

Rd. Butts

Statement showing the names of Villages which come within Range area as well as the limits which come near the proposed area for the carrying out of Field firing practices near gangamma Kere in Sidlaghatta Taluk, Kolar District by the 25 Indian Division

Sl.No.	Names of Villages which come within the proposed Range area		Sl.No	Names of Villages the limits of which come near the proposed area	
	Name of Taluk	Name of Village		Name of Taluk	Name of Village
1.	Sidlaghatta Taluk	Birasandra	1	Sidlaghatta Taluk	Sundarahalli
			2	——— do ———	gangamma Kere
			3	Hosakote Taluk	Hosahalli
			4	——— do ———	Kallepura
			5	——— do ———	Anupahalli
			6	——— do ———	Chikka Kurubarahalli
			7	——— do ———	Ustur
			8	——— do ———	Temigur

For Deputy Commr
Kolar Dist
28/2/14

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

No. W 2124/W20-43-49 General and Revenue Secretariat,

Bangalore dated 6th March 1944.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
Bangalore.

To

The Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Representative in Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

Field Firing Range - Jangamakota.

With reference to your letter No. C.L.O.364/43-44, dated the 1st March 1944, stating that the military authorities have asked for permission to use the area near Jangamakote as a Field Firing Range to carry out exercises between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. daily and that there is no objection to authorise the Military to carry out exercises in the proposed range for a period of 3 months in the first instance subject to the conditions mentioned, I am directed to convey the sanction of Government to the proposal of the military authorities subject to the conditions specified in your above letter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd: S.K. Venkataramana Iyer

For Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. W 2 | 2-5

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, Kolar, for information.

For Chief Secretary to Government.

Bangalore,

6th March 1943.